GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED UNDER VARIOUS HEADS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise expenditure incurred under various heads such as publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign visits), STD and ISTD telephone bills, electricity bill, especially the electricity bills of air conditioners and coolers and other office expenses in various departments and undertakings under his Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under the above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways was created after splitting of erstwhile Ministry of Surface Transport in November,2000. However the formal bifurcation of the establishment was effected w.e.f. 1.6.2001. There are no departments and undertakings under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

The details of expenditure incurred under various budget sub-heads of the Ministry during the financial year 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:

Sub head	Financial year 2001-02 (Rs.)	Financial year 2002-03 (Rs)	
Advertisement/Publicity	nil	nil	
Hospitality	5,76,217	6,87,854	
Telephone	55,50,055	32,51,293	
TA(Domestic)	17,30,000	10,63,137	
TA (Foreign)	22,93,704	19,86,090	
Electricity	9,76,446	6,57,021	
Other Office Expenses	1,63,47,099		1,86,96,517

No separate record in respect of expenditure incurred on electricity bills of air conditioners and coolers is maintained.

(b) to (d):-All possible steps are taken to cut down the expenditure as per instructions of the Ministry of Finance.